

Sat. evening
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Mrs. Manley & Family:

received your letter always glad to hear from you, glad to no you are doing fine. I must say you are doing your part for Uncle Sam and I hope this war will end soon. I heard from Manning today, he told me he was post to see you all, he said he is having a fine time while he is on his furlough. I am sorry so many of the fellows have been drafted into the service but that is some thing we cannot help. Some day I hope we may be able to join together again. I just come in off of the base ball diamond had a nice work out this evening, I do think we are going to have a good ball team this year, that is if we are together that long. I heard from

Doty since he has been in the Navy, have not
 heard from any more of the ex Eagles with the
 Exception of Manning. I remember Watline
 because he came to the team about two weeks
 before I came into the army, he is a fine fellow
 and a hustling player. He played short and
 second while I was with you. I am glad Wells
 and Dandridge are playing with you, they will
 make a strong infield with the material you
 have now. I guess you all will start training in
 a few more days or have you started already? Since
 I have been here I have gotten down to form, I mean
 I have lost a lot of excess weight, I was weighing
 190 lbs when I left California, now I am down to
 176½. They really make you soldier around here
 so you can keep into condition. We have to run
 every day and also go out on long hikes. We went



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out on a 24 mile hike Friday, it was not
hard only thing I was really tired when it
was over. They started us out on five miles every
day and now they are increasing them gradually.
At first they made me kind of stiff, but now
I don't pay them any mind, we also have to carry
our full packs on our backs. That is why they
want us to keep in condition because those
hikes will tell on you if you are not. We have
to run the obstacle course every day, that will
really keep you in shape if any thing, it is more
than a half mile long with all different types
of gymnastic equipment. In the air corp we
had the same things but you were not required

to run them if you did not want to, but here things are much different. If we have as good a team here as we had at Mather we can go places again this year, we are going to get down to real business as soon as the weather permits. Are the other teams losing many players? if so that will make the teams more balanced because with one or two teams losing their men they cannot expect to produce as the others. We had a good work out today and the fellows look kind of good to me, I wish it was possible that I could give you a game ha, ha, ha. I am going to try my hand at managing this year, last year I was Captain of the team but I was managing most of the time. Tell Mule and the rest of the fellows to give there best and my best of luck to them all, may you carry the Eagles to the top this year.

P.S. Give me the fellows address when you write again.

Truly
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